THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAINMEENA): (a) Government intends to finalize the National Environment Policy (NEP) by the end of the current financial year.

(b) In the draft policy, there is no specific mention of doing away with mandatory Central clearance for industrial investment proposals worth over Rs. 50 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) All the responses and suggestions received on the draft NEP will be taken into consideration before the policy is finalized.

Rehabilitation of displaced families from Kudremukh National Park

926. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have sought Central grant for rehabilitation of the families displaced due to the formation of Kudremukh National Park; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. This Ministry has not received any proposal for Central grant for rehabilitation of the families from Kudremukh during the current financial year.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a milk powder plant in Chhattisgarh

†927. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have received a proposal from Chhattisgarh Government for setting up a milk powder plant;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the approval and necessary co-operation therefor will be extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Horticulture plan for H.P.

928. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to harness the horticulture potential of Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and funds allocated for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Government has launched a Centrally sponsored scheme "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J and K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal" in the State of Himachal Pradesh since 2003-04 for harnessing the horticulture potential of the State. The Technology Mission is designed to address all aspects of horticulture development. The outlay for Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Plan is Rs. 80.00 crores.

High fertility districts in the country

929. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: .
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has asked his Ministry to prepare a statement for high fertility districts in the country and measures to check the population;